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Upsetting First Round of Main Draw Results Sees World Number 2, Natalie Grinham Out

Singapore, 30 July 2008 – The first round of the CIMB Singapore Women's Squash Masters 2008 started with spectators on the edge of their seats as they witnessed World Number 2, Natalie Grinham being dumped out of the tournament by Isabelle Stoehr in a tight battle that went right down to wire. Natalie representing The Netherlands took the first game, before Isabelle from France stormed back to take the next two. Natalie valiantly played through an injured ankle, however eventually lost in the fifth game tie-break. The final score was (5-11), 11-9, 11-8, (4-11) 13-11.

Natalie's sister, Rachel Grinham, had a distinctly better evening on the court. The Australian managed to get past Canada's Alana Miller with relative ease. Winning the match 11-2, 11-6, 11-6 in what was a dominant display from the world number 3 player.

Omneya Abdel Kawy from Egypt made short work of Lauren Briggs from England. The Egyptian beat Lauren without dropping a game. With a final score of 11-1, 11-7, 11-3, Omneya made it evident why she is ranked number 8 in the world.

The much anticipated game of the night was between Malaysia's World Number 1, Nicole David against Egypt's Engy Kheirallah. Engy put up a good fight but was unable to match Nicol's fierce stamina that defeated her 11-5, (6-11), 11-6, 11-3.

In the others matches played today;

Jenny Duncalf from England beat Orla Noom from the Netherlands without dropping a game with a score of 11-7, 11-10, 11-3.

Rebecca Chiu from Hong Kong beat Tania Bailey from England in the other big upset of the evening. Bailey ranked number 5 in the world lost to Chiu after taking the first game. The final score was (7-11), 11-8, 11-8, 11-8.

Madeline Perry from Ireland beat World Number 7 Shelley Kitchen from New Zealand. Perry dominated the game winning 11-10, 11-9 11-5.

Alison Waters of England was in fine form when she took on Line Hansen of Denmark. The world number 12 barely broke a sweat as she took on the qualifier from Denmark winning 11-4, 11-1, 11-4.

The tournament takes place at the Kallang Squash Centre from 28 July to 2 August.
Admission is as follows:

Free seating for Qualifying Rounds and Main Draw 1st Round

Quarter Finals onwards:

Season Ticket:

Premium Seats (Limited) \$50

Normal Seating \$40

Daily Tickets:

Premium Seats (Limited) \$20

Normal Seating \$15

Tickets for standing gallery may be made available on the day of the event.

For more information, see SSRA website at www.ssra.org.sg or call SSRA at 63455675

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In Singapore, the Association assists its affiliated organisations in promoting squash and at the national level it provides year-round national-level competitions with the aim of achieving higher participation. The Association

endeavours to raise the performance level of national trainees for international participation, for example the SEA Games and the Asian Games. This as well as WSF (World Squash Federation) and ASF (Asian Squash Federation) international events are key events for the elite player development programme goal setting.

As a member of the World Squash Federation and the Asian Squash Federation, the SSRA keeps abreast with all technical matters related to the organisation and conduct of the game, as well as development of squash referees and squash coaches, as laid down by the international bodies.

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